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October 7, 1954

Mr. Fred P. Mart Associate Valuation Engineer Valuation Division State Board of Equalization Sacramento 14, California

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: City of Hawthorne "Morris Annexation"

Proceedings for "Morris Annexation" to the City of Hawthorne were completed and the annexed territory became a part of the city on August 25, 1954 when the proceedings were filed by the Secretary of State.

The enclosed tabulation indicates the effect of this city annexation upon the special districts involved.

This statement, with the enclosed tabulation, legal description of boundary and map of the annexation, is submitted to you for filing in compliance with the provisions of Title 5, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 8 (Sections 54900 et seq.) of the Government Code.

Yours very truly,

William J. Fox COUNTY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

Herold A. Harris, Division Engineer

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Encl. (3)

cc: J.A.Quinn, Co.Ascessor Vm.R.Thomson, Dist.Tax Admr.

> H.D.Houston, Dep. Assr. (with encls.) L.H.Lucas Pile (2)

WILLIAM J. FOX
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DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

108 WEST SECOND STREET LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

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October 7, 1954

SUBJECT: City of Hawthorne
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County Departments and Districts
Auditor
Flood Control

Forester and Fire Warden Health - Division of Vital Records

Parks and Recreation Public Library

Regional Planning Registrar of Voters

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Superintendent of Schools

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* Annexation "Morris Annexation"

City of Hawthorne

Filed with the Secretary of State August 25, 1954

Territory covered by this annexation was automatically affected as follows:

Road District No.2	. Withdrawn from
L. A. County Public Library Tax	. No change
Metropolitan Water District	
L. A. County Flood Control District	
County Sanitation District No. 5	No change
Sewer Maintenance District	
Lighting DistrictWoodcrest	
Lighting Maintenance District	None
County Fire Protection District Consolidated	
School Districts:	
Los Angeles City School District	No change
Los Angeles City High School District Los Angeles City Junior College	No change
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Other Districts:	
West Basin Municipal Water District	No change
L.A.Co. Flood Control District Zone II	No change
Judicial Districts:	-
Inglewood Judicial District	No change

Remarks:

^{*} Morris Annexation lies partly within Howard Annexation to the City of Los Angeles now in litigation.

CITY OF HAWTHORNE "MORRIS ANNEX/ "IOH"

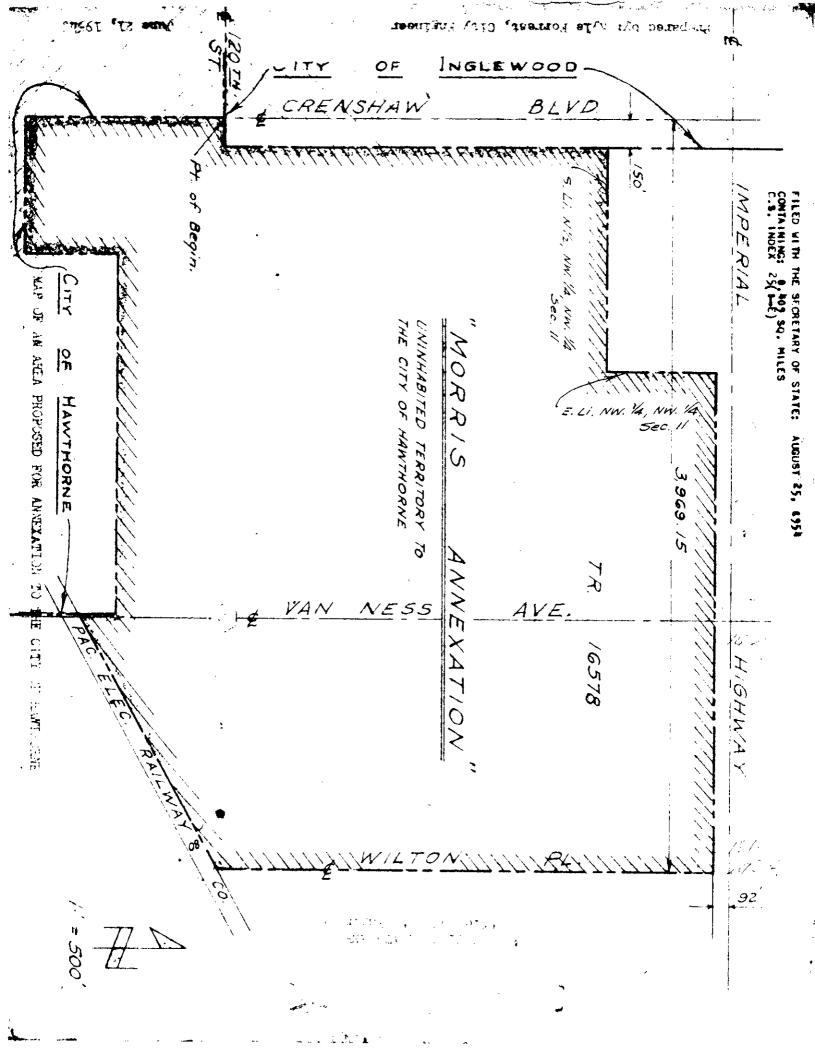
(Uninhabited Territory)

(Under Government Code Section 553 st seq.)

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2750 of the City of Hawthorne adopted July 6, 1954 initiating proceedings; Ordinance No. 571 of the City of Hawthorne adopted August 23, 1954 approving the annexation; notice filed with the Secretary of State August 25, 1954, the following described territory was a nexed:

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	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of California, this day of

Fir. Fred P. Hart
Associate Valuation Engineer
Valuation Division
State Board of Equalization
Sacramento 14, California

Jear Sir:

CITY OF HAWTHORNE - CONSOLIDATED COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WITHDRAWALS.

Supplementing our previous reports to you regarding the effect on special taxing districts of certain ammerations to the City of Hawthorne, in which we stated that these annexations had no effect on the boundary of Consolidated County Fire Protection District, we further report as follows:

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On February 27, 1956, the City Council of the City of Hawthorne passed Resolution No. 2923 withdrawing from Consolidated County Fire Protection District all those portions of said district within the above annexations.

Certified copies of this Resolution were filed with the County Assessor on March 2, 1956, with the Registrar of Voters on March 13, 1956, with the Board of Supervisors on March 13, 1956, and with the State Board of Equalisation

on April 30, 1956, completing the filings required under Section 14540 of the Health and Safety Code.

Inasmuch as there are no water contracts to be modified or cancelled, as required by Section 14548 of the Health and Safety Bode, the withdrawals are effective as of April 30, 1956, being the last date mentioned above.

Yours sincerely,

John A. Lambie COUNTY ENGINEER

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Harold A. Harris Division Engineer

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ce:	board of Supervisors	be: R.B.D.
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June 7, 1956

DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY WITHDRAWN PROM CONSOLIDATED COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BY RESOLUTION NG. 2923

(Under H & S Code Section 14540 (Am'd by Stats. 1953: Chap. 1192)

That portion of Consolidated County Fire Protection District as same existed on August 25, 1954 within the "Morris Annexation" to the City of Hawthorne.

Containing: 0.001 Square Miles.

There are no outstanding water contracts to be medified or cancelled per letter of May 18, 1956, from the Chief Engineer, County Fire Protection Districts. (H & 3 Code Section 14548). Effective date of withdrawal, April 30, 1956.

cc: Auditor
Fire Prot.Dists. (Klinger)
Descr. Book
Fire Prot.Dist.File
City Annex File

October 7, 1954

Description of Territory Automatically Withdrawn from Woodcrest Lighting District

Under Government Code Section 19290

That portion of Woodcrest Lighting District as same existed on August 25, 1954 within "Morris Annexation" to the City of Hawthorne.

cc: Descr. Book
Lighting Dist.File
City Annex. File

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

Affidavit of completion Annexation of Certain Uninhabited Territory lying easterly of the easterly city limits of the City of Hawthorne, known as the Morris Annexation.

KENNETH L. KEEL, being first duly sworn, disposes and says: that he is the City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, that he is familiar with the proceedings had and taken by the legislative body-to wit-the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, relating to the Morris Annexation, particularly described as Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof and delineated on the boundary line map attached hereto and marked Exhibit B; that the City Council initiated said proceedings on its own motion and adopted Resolution No. 2750 giving a notice of such property annexation and the time and place of hearing objections, thereto; that said resolution was adopted on the 6th day of July, 1954, at a regular adjourned meeting of the City Council, and thereafter published for two successive weeks in the Hawthorne-Lennox Advertiser, a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Hawthorne; and the Inglewood Daily News, a newspaper of general circulation in the area proposed to be annexed; and that notices were mailed to each person in territory proposed to be annexed; assessed in the last equalized county assessment roll; that thereafter and on the 9th and 23rd days of August, 1954, a hearing on said annexation was held pursuant to said resolution and there being no protests, Ordinance No. 571 approving the said annexation was adopted as an urgency ordinance at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of August, 1954.

AFFIANT further states that to the best of his knowledge and belief all the requirements of the laws pertaining to the Annexation of Uninhabited Territory Act of 1939, under which the proceedings referred to were held, have been complied with.

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city Clerk of the City Hawthorne, California,

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A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF ORDINANCE NO. 571-MORRIS ANNEXATION, BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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ORDINANCE NO. 571

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA APPROVING ANNEXATION TO SAID CITY OF CERTAIN TERRITORY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED AND DESIGNATED AS "MORRIS ANNEXATION".

The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. That proceedings have been initiated pursuant to the provisions of the "Annexation of Uninhabited Territory Act of 1939," the City Council of said City does hereby find and determine as follows:

- a. That the territory proposed to be annexed is uninhabited and contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Hawthorne within the meaning of said act.
- b. That the City Council on the 6th day of July, 1954, duly and regularly adopted its Resolution No. 2750, initiating said proceedings under the provisions of said act, which resolution contained a notice of the day, hour and place when and where any person or governmental agency owning real property within such territory so proposed to be annexed and having any objections to the proposed annexation might appear before the legislative body, the City Council of the City of Hawthorne, and show cause why such territory should not be so annexed.
- two successive weeks prior to the hearing on said proposed annexation in the Hawthorne-Lennox Advertiser, a newspaper of general inglewood circulation, published in the City of Hawthorne; and in the Lawrence Daily News Aretowne, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Los Angeles and outside the City of Hawthorne; and that actual notice was mailed directly to all owners of property in the proposed territory to be annexed; that at the time set for hearing protests, August 9th and 23rd, 1954, at 8:00 p. m. in the City Hall of the City of Hawthorne, a no objections or protests were made against said proposed annexation.

SECTION 2. That pursuant to the provisions of said "Ammoration of Uninhabited Territory Act of 1939" and the properties taken as hereinabove set forth, the annexation of the following described territory designated as Morris Annexation be to same is hereby approved:

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hereof is hereby goned for residential purposes and any use permitted in an R-1 or R-2 cone pursuant to the provision a of Ordinance 416 of the City of Hawthorne, except that area South of Tract No. 16578 and Tentative Tract No. 17995 is her by zoned for industrial purposes and any use permitted in an H zone pursuant to the provisions of Ordinance 416 of the City of Hawthorne.

SECTION 4. That immediately upon this Ordinance becoming effective, the City Clark, being the Clerk of the legislative body of the City of Mawthorne, shall make, under the seal of said City, a certified copy of this ordinance giving the date of its passage, and transmitting it to the Secretary of State of the State of California.

of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles an affidavit stating that all requirements of the law pertaining to such proceedings have been

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complied with, and said affidavit shall be accompanied by a certified copy of the boundary description as set forth in said proceedings, a also by a map delineating such boundaries.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an argansy measure required for the immediate preservation of the mablic pace, health and safety, and shall take effect and be in the from and after its passage and filing, as required by law. The following is a specific statement showing the urgency of this Ordinance:

That the owner of said property is anxious and desirous of commencing construction and that valuable building materials and dangerous conditions will be maintained upon said property immediately; that it is essential that maximum police and fire protection be given to said area because of said activity.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause it to be published once in the Hawthorne-Lennox Advertiser, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Hawthorne.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of August, 1954.

/s/ Robert P. PEEVES
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Hawthorne
California

ATTEST:

City Clerk, City of Hawthorne

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SE
CITY OF HAWTHORNE)

I, KENNETH L. KEEL, City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 571, was duly adopted by the City Council of said City at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 23rd day of August, 1954, and that it was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AY S:Councilmen Rice, Wedworth, Crozier, Mayor Pro Tem Reeves. NOES: None.

ABSENT: Mayor Zaccaglin.

City Clerk of the City of Hawthorne, California.

Land Annexed by Hawthorne Over Profests

HAWTHORNE, Aug. 21-This city last night annexed 260 acres of land now being subdivided, after protests of some 70 persons were ruled invalid by the sign Council.

The area is bounded by Cren-

shaw Blvd. Imperial Highway, Wilton Place and 120th St., and its valuation is estimated at \$13,000,000.

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ITURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1954

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City postpones debate on Morris annexation

Fate of the proposed Morris annexation remained in doubt this week following the postponement of a public hearing on the prize 320-acre parcel until August 23 at 8 p.m.

The postponement was voted by the Hawthorne City Council at its regular meeting Monday night after receiving requests for the delay from the Grand View and Delaware Building Corporations, Northrop Aircraft, Inc., and the Olivet Lutheran Church of Los Angeles.

The postponement is the latest

in a series of barriers which the city is attempting to hurdle in order to annex the rich land south of Imperial highway and bounded by Crenshaw boulevard, Wilton place and 120 street.

REFUSE REQUEST

Only last month, Hawthorne city fathers refused a request from Inglewood officials to abandon the current annexation proceedings. Last week, Northrop asked for a delay in the hearing to give it more time to study the proposed annexation.

Joining Northrop in seeking postponement this week were subdividers of the land who own 725 lots plus the Lutheran church group which is planning a new building facing Imperial highway

on the Morris parcel.

A Northrop official indicated yesterday that the aircraft plant was not "seeking a fight with the City of Hawthorne over this annexation proposal," but merely wanted "time to study the entire proceedings." Northrop owns 70 acres of undeveloped land in the Morris parcel but has never given any indication what it planned to do with its land in the way of development.

A spokesman for the Olivet Lutheran Church told the council Monday that his group opposed the annexation because the church has been in Los Angeles for 45 years . . and desires to keep a Los Angeles address.

"We bought this property for

"We bought this property for a new church in the belief that we would still be in Los Angeles," he told the council.

THE BIG DECISION

Meanwhile, it appeared as if success or failure of the annexation may well rest with prospective buyens and new land owners in the 725-lot acreage being developed by the Grand View and Delsware Building Communications.

Delaware Building Corporations.
Edward K. Zuckerman, one of
the owners of the two corporations with headquarters at 470
South Beverly drive, Beverly
Hills, declared yesterday that the

"next two weeks will be a time of decision for our interests in this affair."

"We are trying to obtain some sort of opinion from our buyers," stated Zuckerman, "and want to avoid doing anything which will go against their general wishes."

"We can easily understand Hawthorne's drive to increase its boundaries and recognize this is only a normal plan by any progressive city. We feel, personally, that Hawthorne is a fine, wide-awake city with a good administration. We also know of the many advantages it offers, particularly in the way of service.

"Nevertheless, we cannot go over the heads of our prospective buyers and make a very vital decision on this annexation without first consulting them and finding out their opinions. After all, these people are the ones who will live here and they have a right to choose what city they want to reside in."

FEEL LIKE OWNERS

Zuckerman pointed out that half of the 725 lots have been sold and "although these buyers haven't yet acquired title to their land, they still feel as if they are the owners—and don't want us telling them what to do on matters such as this proposed annexation."

Questioned as to whether or not the subdividers may take a poll of their buyers, Zuckerman said they "might" but even then "we couldn't let a majority override a minority opinion."

Zuckerman admitted the proposed annexation was a very "touchy subject" and said that the postponement would prove to be advantageous for all concerned. He declared that his group have not yet made any final decision on the matter and "may not even come up with one" in time for the Aug. hearing.

Protest Hearings on Morris Annex Continued to Aug. 23

Following a recommendation by City Attorney David Rice, the Hawthorne City Council last night agreed to continue protest hearings concerning annexation of 320 continue protest hearings concerning annexation of 320acres of land east of Imperial Village to Aug. 23, 8 p.m., at the city hall council chambers.

Reason for continuing the hearing, as given by At- sing development problems with torney Rice, was because Northrop Aircraft, who has 70 acres of land in the area, is discus-

subdividers and needs more time before withdrawing their protest.

Reserve Right

Frank Forby, assistant counsel at Northrop, addressed the City Council and stated that Northrop would drop their earlier protest if the hearings were continued but, he said, they would reserve the right to protest if they desired.

Developers of the Delaware Corporation also expressed the same feeling saying they would withdraw their protest if the hearings were continued.

Also protesting was the Olivet Lutheran Church. A representative from the church stated they erected the church in the area with the "idea it was in Los Angeles" but stated they would have no strong objections if the area is annexed to Hawthorne. "Rich" Tract

The area, known as the Morris Annexation, is bounded by Imperial Highway, Crenshaw Boulevard, Wilton Place and 120th Street and is considered the richest tract of land Hawthorne has tried to annex to the

The area, councilmen say, is valued at \$13,000,000.

If the 320-acres are annexed, about 1,200 homes, costing about \$16,500 each, could be built.

Protest Hearing Set On Morris Annexation

Eyeing further expansion to Hawthorne, protest hearing of annexation of a 13-million-dollar tract of land called the Morris Annexation will be held Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Hawthorne city hall council chambers.

The 300-acre area is bounded by Wilton Place, Crenshaw Boulevard, Imperial Highway and El Segundo Boulevard. About 400 to 800 homes would be built in this area and each home would be valued at about \$16,500.

Councilmen From

Inglewood city councilmen will hold an incomple dinner-meeting to their Haw-thorner tests in an apparent effort. The track them out? of annexist a larger tract east of

Imperial Village,

The Hawthorne City Council already has called for a public hearing on Aug. 9 on its plan to join uninhabited are a bounded inshaw Boulevard, Imperial light vay, Wilton Place and 120th Street to Hawthorne.

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This would indicate that unless the matter is settled by mutual agreement or Inglewood comes up with a hidden "trump card" the annexation will go through

Times 1-15-55

Inglewood Post Office Serves Disputed District

INGLEWOOD, Jan 14—Because of a legal squabble between Hawthorne and Los Angeles over the 200-acre Morris territory, Inglewood has assumed the role of a "neutral" and is delivering the mail, according to local Postmaster Thomas Trulove.

Both Los Angeles and Haw-

Both Los Angeles and Hawthorne claim legal annexation of the tract bounded by Imperial Highway, Crenshaw Blvd., Van Ness Ave. and 120th St., and Inglewood offered to take charge of the mail until the dispute has been settled.

Hawthorne Sued Over

Annexation LA Files Action On Morris Tract

Metropolis Charges Annexation Illegal Since Area Already Merged with LA City

Hawthorne City Attorney David Rice informed his colleagues on the Hawthorne City Council last night that Los Angeles has filed an application with the attorney general to sue Hawthorne for the recent annexation of the rich 260-acre Morris tract, east of Imperial Villace.

The Morris area, Los Angelest charges, was annexed to their city before Hawthorne began proceedings to annex the area. However, City Attorney Rice explained, the courts ruled the annexation null and void.

To Submit Answer

He said he will submit an answer to the attorney general by Nov. 22 and will, in effect, state that although Los Angeles had appealed the decision of declaring their action null and void it would not affect a lower couts judgment and that Hawthorne's proceedings were valid.

Also filing an application to suc Hawthorne is the Olivet Lutheran Church who previously had agreed to drop any action against the city providing no other protests were filed.

Built in LA

But now representatives of the church declare that the church was built in Los Angeles "and that's where we'd like to keep it."

Despite this action taken by Los Angeles and the church, the City Council approved the apparent low bid from Hess Brothers Construction Company of Long Beach totaling \$29,333.10 for paying a half mile of Van Ness Avenue between Imperial Highway and 120th Street, in the Morris area. The council received a total of nine bids for the job.

LA seeks court suit (what again?) over Morris land

Here we go again!

Hawthorne's old annexation bugaboo — the 320-acre Morris tract — was back in the news this week when it was revealed that the City of Los Angeles has finally decided to attempt to 'kill' the annexation in court.

State Attorney General Pat Brown is currently studying a request from Los Angeles seeking permission to sue Hawthorne over the recent August annexation.

Hawthorne City Attorney David Rice has received notice from the attorney general's office that he has until November 22 to file a statement on Hawthorne's stand in the contrroversial matter.

Rice so informed the Hawthorne City Council in an executive session Monday night . . . and was instructed by the council to carry out the assignment. A Year Away

The city attorney told councilmen that if LA receives an okay to file the suit, "it is doubtful if it will reach court action for at least a year."

He explained that Los Angeles presently has an appeal case before the State District Court of Appeals, attempting to have a decision reversed on Los Angeles' attempt to grab a huge piece of land east of Hawthorne. Two months ago, the lower courts declared a 1953 LA annexation vectory as "null and void" in that

"Whether or not LA's proposed suit against Hawthorne ever comes off," said Rice, "depends mainly on what happens to Los Angeles' appeal on the rebuff by the lower courts. If the appeal is denied... then any suit against Hawthorne would automatically be dropped."

He added that LA's attempted suit against Hawthorne is merely "protection" on LA's part in order not to lose the Morris tract if its appeal is upheld.

Statute of Limitations
"There is a statute of limitations in such cases," said Rice,
"and if LA despit a least have
a protest on record against the
Morris annexes aby Hawthorne,
it would nevel by the to regain
this land ... evel of it wins its
appeal."

The long-standing and battle had its beginning late in 1953 when Los Angeles decided to anshaw boulevard, from Century boulevard to 120 street. An election was held and the annexation carried by a 2-1 majority.

However, many home owners in the area protested and took their case to court, demanding the election be declared 'null and void." While the case was being thrashed out in the courts, Inglewood stepped in and successfully annexed the uninhabited land immediately north of Imperial highway... now designated as Inglewood Knolls.

On August 23 of this year, following several setbacks, Hawthorne annexed the Morris tract which is south of Imperial and bounded by Crenshaw boulevard, Wilton place and 120 street.

Shortly after the Morris annexation, the lower courts roled against Los Angeles in its 1953 annexation... and LA immediately filed an appeal. Key to the entire land fight will be the result of that appeal

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'However, City Attorney Rice believes Los Angeles is "whist-ling in the dark" and "has a very slim chance of winning its case in the appeals court." He based his reasoning mostly on the fact that LA's attempted land annexation included inhabited territory in which residents didn't want the annexation in the first place; Hawthorne and Inglewood, on the other hand, annexed uninhabited land... with permission from the controling land owners in the area.

Hawthorne's permission was won mainly from Northrop Aircraft and the Grandview Corporation. The latter is building the huge Hollypark development and received a Letter of Committal from Hawthorne promising to provide a fire and street lighting district in the sub-development area, and various road and landscape improvements.

landscape improvements.

Several homeowners who have purchased homes in the Grandview development protested the annexation on the basis of wanting more time to "study the situation"... but their protests were ignored by the Hawthorne council since none of them technically owned their deeds yet in the development.

The council also passed up a protest by the Olivet Lutheran Church which is planning a new edifice in the area. As a result, the church this week backed the Los Angeles proposed suit against Hawthorne in an attempt to "kill off" the entire Morris annexation.

Annexation Complicates Construction

Construction of new quarters for Olivet Lutheran church, against the annexation, but 3901 West Adams boulevard, has been complicated by Hawthorne's annexation of the new Hawthorne." site, church officials charged this week.

New quarters at 2506 West Imperial boulevard have become a part of the city of Hawthorne, despite protests against the action.

"This has meant our getting building licenses, not only from the county, but from Hawthorne, too," a church spokes-

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man reported.

The Rev. R. M. Girtz, church pastor, said his congregation will move into the new building this spring regardless of where it is situated.

He said the city of Los Angeles has promised to file suit until it does, "we will have to consider ourselves a part of

New structure will cost the West Adams group \$128,000 with \$15,000 allotted for equip-

COUNTY BOUNDARY COMMISSION

TO THE SOUTH THE LOS ANGELES

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July 8, 1954

Mr. Mene L. Wilhelms City Manager City of Hawtherns City Hall Hawtherns, California

Re: Proposed City of Hawthorne "Morris Annexation"

Dear Mr. Wilhelms:

At their meeting on June 30, 1954, the County Boundary Countesion considered the boundaries and map submitted by you on June 21, 1954, regarding the proposed "Morrie Ammunation" to the City of Hawtherne.

The County Surveyor recommended slight revisions to the wording of the boundaries description to provide the definiteness and certainty intended under the provisions of Section 3500% of the Government Code.

With these revisions the boundaries were approved as to definiteness and certainty by the County Boundary Coumission. A copy of said boundaries is enclosed for your information.

Tour attention is called to the fact that a parties of the proposed "Merris Annexation" everlage part of the proposed "Memori Annexation" to the City of Los Angeles currently in litigation between the City of Inglewood and the City of Los Angeles. Members of the County Boundary Commission understand the Commission has no logal authority to make recommendations in this regard, but it was their wish that the City Council of the City of Hawthorne should be meare of the additional logal entanglements which may accree should an attempt be made to proceed with this ammemation before the final court decision is made in the "Memori Ammemation" case.

Sincerely yours,

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REL:hk
cc: Mr. William J. Fox
County Surveyor

Mr. R. Flickwir County Surveyor's Office Secretary

June 29, 1954

Mr. John Anson Ford, Chairman County Boundary Commission 501 Hall of Records

Attention: Mr. Ray E. Lee

Dear Sir:

SUBJECT: City of Hawthorne "Morris Annexation"

Pursuant to your request of June 22, regarding the proposed "Morris Annexation" to the City of Hawthorne. We have reviewed the legal description of the boundaries submitted by the City and find that the description requires some revision to provide the definiteness and certainty intended under the provisions of Section 35002 of the Government Code.

Therefore, we have prepared the attached revised description of boundaries, which we recommend that the Commission approve and forward to the City of Hawthorne.

Maps showing this proposed annexation and all original papers regarding this matter are enclosed.

Yours very truly,

William J. Fox COUNTY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR

Harold A. Harris, Division Engineer

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cc: Ray E. Lee bc: R.L.G.

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED "MORRIS ANNEXATION" TO THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE (Revised)

Beginning at the northeasterly corner of "Hawthowne Airport Annexation No. 2" to the City of Hawthorne, said point being on the common boundary between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Inglewood, as they existed on June 21, 1954; thence easterly and northerly along the boundary of said City of Inglewood to its intersection with the southerly line of the north half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 3 South, Range 14 West. S.B.B.& M .: thence easterly along the line last described to its intersection with the easterly line of the said northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11; thence northerly along the line last described to a line that is parallel with and 92 feet southerly measured at right angles from the center line of Imperial Highway, as shown on map of Tract No. 16578 recorded in Book 487, pages 37 to 47 inclusive of Maps in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles; thence easterly along said parallel line to its intersection with the center line of Wilton Place as shown on said map; thence southerly along said center line of Wilton Place and its southerly prolongation to its intersection with the northwesterly line of the 80 foot right of way of the Pacific Electric Railway Company as shown on map recorded in Book 6252, page 83 of Deeds, in the office of said recorder; thence southwesterly along said northwesterly line of the 80. foot right of way to its intersection with the boundary of said City of Hawthorne; thence northerly along said last mentioned boundary and following the same in all its various courses to the point of beginning.

DESCRIPTION APPROVED

WINLIAM J. FOX
COUNTY SURVEYOR

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COUNTY BOUNDARY COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
501 Hall of Records

June 22, 1954

Re: Proposed Morris Annexation to the City of Hawthorne

Mr. William J. Fox County Engineer and Surveyor

Dear Mr. Fox:

Attached is a communication from Meno L. Wilhelms, City Manager, City of Hawthorne, requesting the County Boundary Commission to check as to definiteness and certainty, in accordance with Section 35002 of the Government Code, the boundaries of the above designated territory proposed to be annexed to the City o Hawthorne.

Will you kindly review the description and map attached and return them with your recommendation to the County Boundary Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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cc: Mr. R. F. Flickwir County Surveyor's Office by Inextotins

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